

## REMARKS

### **Summary**

Claims 1-19 were pending. Claims 1-4, 8-11 and 17-19 were rejected and Claims 5-7 and 12-16 were objected to in the present Office action. In order to expedite the issuance of a patent containing the allowed subject matter, the Claims have been amended to give effect to the Examiner's allowed subject matter, other claims being cancelled without prejudice. As such, Claims 1, 6, 7, 12, and 15-17 have been amended and Claims 2-5 and 18-19 have been cancelled. The Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments are consistent with the Office action and place the application in condition for allowance.

### **Claim Amendments**

In *Superguide Corporation v. DirecTV Enterprises, Inc. et al.*, 358 F.3d 870 (Fed. Cir. 2004), the court clarified the interpretation of phrases written in the alternative (compare MPEP § 706.03(d)). In view of what appears to be a change in the governing law, the Applicants have amended claims where the phrase "at least one of X and Y" appears, to read "at least one of X or Y" in order to obviate any perceived ambiguity in the interpretation of the claims. These changes are made neither for a reason related to patentability, nor in response to any rejection or objection made by the Examiner.

### **Claim Objections**

The Examiner has objected to Claims 5-7 and 12-16 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicated that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 5, and is therefore allowable. Claim 5 has been cancelled. Claims 6 and 7 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of the previous version of Claim 1, and are now allowable. Claims 8-14 are dependent on now allowable Claim 1 and are allowable,

without more. Claims 15-17 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of the previous version of Claim 1 and are now allowable.

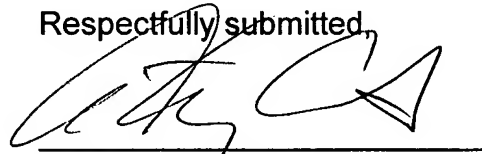
**Conclusion**

Claims 1- 19 were pending; Claims 1, 6, 7, 12 and 15-17 have been amended; Claims 2-5 and 18-19 have been cancelled; Claims 1, and 6-17, are now pending.

For at least the reasons given above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are allowable.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned in the event that a telephone interview would expedite consideration of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AP Curtis', is written over a horizontal line.

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